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OPEN MEETING SET WITH EIU PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH CONSULTANT

CHARLESTON – Those interested in sharing their insights into the needs of Eastern Illinois University and their views of the kind of leadership the institution should be seeking will have that opportunity at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11.

Jim Appleberry of Academic Search Consultation Service will meet with all interested persons in a general open session, set to take place in the Effingham Room of the University Union.

This will be only one of several such meetings occurring Thursday and Friday as the university gears up to continue its search for a new president. In addition to meeting individually with the interim president and others, Appleberry will meet with select constituency groups representing administration, faculty, staff, students, alumni, the EIU Foundation and the community.

Comments made during these meetings will be summarized in a report to Eastern's Presidential Search Committee, and will be shared with constituents and serious prospects for the presidency.

Eastern began its search for a new president following the resignation of Carol D. Surles, who left the university during the summer of 2001 as a result of health issues. A 12-member Presidential Search Committee, working alongside Appleberry, formed in October 2001. Although three finalists were brought to campus six months later, the search proved to be unsuccessful.

The university's Board of Trustees asked that the committee reconvene during the Fall 2003 semester to continue the search.

Committee members include Betsy Mitchell, BOT (chair); William Addison, psychology; Luis Clay-Mendez, foreign languages; Caleb Judy, student body president; Robert "Bud" Fischer, biological sciences; Roger Dettro, BOT; Bill Davidson, student executive vice president (BOT); Victor Brooks, alumni; Julie Nimmons, BOT; Jone Zieren, director, financial aid; Sandy Bingham-Porter, Staff Senate; and Cynthia Nichols (ad hoc), Civil Rights and Diversity.